

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor Application of: Kubota *et al.*

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For: METHODS OF ISOLATING BIPOTENT HEPATIC PROGENITOR CELLS

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Commissioner for Patents

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Dear Commissioner:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response for one month from December 23, 2004 to January 23, 2005. Submitted herewith is a check for \$455 (\$395 small entity RCE fee plus \$60 1 mo. ext. fee). Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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